

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Cancelled)
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8. (Cancelled)
9. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:
running guest software in a processor mode that enables the guest software to
operate at a privilege level intended by the guest software;
identifying an attempt of the guest software to perform an operation restricted by
said processor mode;

determining ~~whether~~ that the attempt of the guest software would ~~succeed~~ fail if
the guest software was running outside said processor mode; and
allowing the guest software to attempt the operation ~~if the attempt of the guest~~
~~software would not succeed if the guest software was running outside said~~
~~processor mode; and~~
~~exiting said processor mode to transfer control over the operation to a virtual~~
~~machine monitor running outside said processor mode if the attempt of the~~
~~guest software would succeed if the guest software was running outside said~~
~~processor mode.~~

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30. (Cancelled)

31. (New) The method of claim 9 wherein determining that the attempt of the guest software would fail includes determining that the guest software is running with insufficient privilege to perform the operation.